

## Substitute House Bill No. 6295

## Public Act No. 11-251

AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE OFFICERS WHO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT WITH ANOTHER POLICE DEPARTMENT AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ELIGIBILITY FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 7-294d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

(f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to (1) any state police training school or program, (2) any sworn member of the Division of State Police within the Department of Public Safety, (3) Connecticut National Guard security personnel, when acting within the scope of their National Guard duties, who have satisfactorily completed a program of police training conducted by the United States Army or Air Force, (4) employees of the Judicial Department, (5) municipal animal control officers appointed pursuant to section 22-331, or (6) fire police appointed pursuant to section 7-313a. The provisions of this section with respect to renewal of certification upon satisfactory completion of review training programs shall not apply to any chief inspector or inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice who has satisfactorily completed a program of police training conducted by

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the division. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, any police officer certified in accordance with subsection (a) of this section may accept employment with another police department within this state without repeating minimum basic training.

Sec. 2. Section 7-432 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable to members who retire on or after January 1, 2000*):

Any member shall be eligible for retirement and for a retirement allowance who has completed at least ten years of continuous service if he becomes permanently and totally disabled from engaging in any gainful employment in the service of the municipality. For purposes of this section, "gainful employment" shall not include a position in which a member customarily works less than twenty hours per week. If such disability is shown to the satisfaction of the Retirement Commission to have arisen out of and in the course of his employment by the municipality, as defined by the Workers' Compensation Act, he shall be eligible for retirement irrespective of the duration of his employment. Such retirement allowance shall continue during the period of such disability. The existence and continuance of disability shall be determined by the Retirement Commission upon such medical evidence and other investigation as it requires. No such allowance shall be paid if the disability has been caused by the wilful misconduct or intoxication of the disabled member. In order to obtain a retirement allowance under this section a member shall apply in writing for such allowance to the Retirement Commission within one year after incurring the disability, and the allowance may be made retroactive to the date at which the pay of the disabled member ceased.

Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 7-438 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable to members who retire on or after January 1, 2000*):

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(b) If a member is retired under this part and again accepts employment from the same municipality from which he was retired or any other participating municipality, he shall be eligible to participate, and shall be entitled to credit, in the municipal employees' retirement system for the period of such municipal employment. Such member shall receive no retirement allowance while so employed except if (1) such employment is for less than twenty hours per week, or (2) his services are rendered for not more than ninety working days in any one calendar year, provided that any member reemployed for a period of more than ninety working days in one calendar year shall reimburse the Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund for retirement income payments received during such ninety working days.

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